

LEGAL NOTICE
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OPPPRTUNITY TO COMMENT
EAST BRANCH TIONESTA CREEK PROJECT

The Marienville Ranger District has prepared an environmental assessment for the East Branch Tionesta Creek project. An opportunity to comment begins when this legal notice is published in The Kane Republican and ends 30 days after publication occurs.

The project is located in McKean County (Hamilton and Wetmore Townships) and Elk County (Highland and Jones Townships), Pennsylvania. The proposed action includes, but is not limited to, timber harvesting, reforestation, invasive plant treatment, wildlife habitat improvement, watershed improvement, and road construction, realignment, maintenance, and decommissioning.

A draft decision notice will be prepared after this comment period ends. Eligible parties may object to the draft decision under the procedures identified at 36 C.F.R. part 218.

- To be eligible to object, an individual or entity must submit timely and specific written comments during a designated comment period. This comment period, and the earlier scoping period, are both considered designated comment periods.
- Comments must be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider. They must also identify the title of the project, and provide the name and postal address of the commenter. A signature, or other verification of identify, may also be required upon request.
- Comments must be postmarked, or otherwise received, no later than 30 days after publication of this legal notice.

Comments received, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be available for public inspection as part of the project record. They may be submitted to the responsible official in the following ways:

- **Mail:** Robert T. Fallon, District Ranger, Marienville Ranger District, 131 Smokey Lane, Marienville, PA 16239
- **Fax:** (814) 927-2285
- **Email:** comments-eastern-allegheny-marienville@usda.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted in formats compatible with Microsoft Office and Adobe Acrobat software. Please include “*East Branch Tionesta Creek project*” on the subject line, and include your name and physical mailing address with your comments.
- **Hand-delivered and verbal comments** may be submitted at the Marienville Ranger District, 131 Smokey Lane, Marienville, PA 16239 or by calling (814) 927-5700 during normal business hours. Normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Additional information may be obtained online at www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57157, or by contacting the Marienville Ranger District at (814) 927-6628.

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